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PETITION OF INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE)	OCT 1 8 2005
COMPANY, INCORPORATED D/B/A SBC INDIANA FOR ARBITRATION OF)	INDIANA UTILITY
INTERCONNECTION RATES, TERMS AND)	REGULATORY COMMISSION
CONDITIONS AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)	CAUSE NO.
SERVICES LLC, INTERMEDIA)	42893-INT 01
COMMUNICATIONS LLC, AND MCI)	
WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1990	,	

You are hereby notified that on this date the Presiding Officers in this Cause make the following Entry:

This Cause is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on October 26, 2005, the purpose of which is to have the parties address any clarifying Commission questions. The Presiding Officers and Commission staff have reviewed the testimony filed by the parties and several clarifying questions have arisen. The questions seek clarification of both SBC and MCI's prefiled testimony. SBC and MCI are invited to file written witness responses to the questions concerning their prefiled testimony, in lieu of providing live witness response testimony at the October 26, 2005 hearing. If the Presiding Officers find that the written responses fully answer the clarifying questions, then the parties' witnesses will not be required to attend the hearing.

SBC and MCI should file their written witness responses on or before 12:00 p.m. (Noon), October 21, 2005. MCI should only respond to the question(s) directed at it, and SBC should only respond to the question(s) directed at it. These parties should neither comment on the question(s) addressed to the other party nor pose any questions to the other party. This procedure is consistent with the procedure that would be in place at the hearing in this interconnection proceeding, wherein each party's witness would respond only to clarifying questions directed to that party and the parties would not conduct cross-examination.

On or before 12:00 p.m. (Noon), October 24, 2005, the parties should expect an email communication from the Commission that either finds the written responses to be satisfactory or in need of further clarification. If the responses are found to be satisfactory, then the e-mail will announce that that the parties' witnesses will not be

required to attend the hearing. If it is determined that further clarification is necessary, the e-mail will announce that witnesses, or certain witnesses, should attend the hearing or, possibly, that an additional written response is appropriate. This procedure of allowing written responses to clarifying questions is designed as a convenience for the parties, while still fully informing the Commission. However, the Presiding Officers retain the discretion to proceed with live witness testimony at the hearing.

In any event, with or without live witness testimony, an evidentiary hearing will commence in his Cause on October 26, 2005, in accordance with our August 18, 2005 Entry. If it is determined that live witness testimony is not necessary, the hearing will be limited to the introduction of all written witness testimony, and the accompanying witness verifications or affidavits, into the record of this Cause.

The clarifying questions are as follows:

MCI:

<u>Transiting</u>. In Mr. Ricca's testimony he indicates that the sections in SBC's Transiting Appendix currently appear in other sections of the Interconnection Agreement. (Ricca Reply, p. 50-54) In some instances he points to specific subsections of the Interconnection Agreement (e.g., Section 15 Limits of Liability) and other times he merely points to entire sections (e.g., in reference to trunking the entire NIM/Interconnection section). Please map the specific language of SBC's Transiting Appendix to corresponding existing language in the Interconnection Agreement.

SBC:

<u>SS7 1 and Pricing 6</u>. The *TRO* indicates SBC connects to other carriers' SS7 network such as Sprint (see footnote 1691) and Illuminet (see paragraph 545). Please explain whether this interconnection is done through tariff or interconnection agreement in Indiana. Please explain the details of this interconnection such as the services/elements that are offered and at what rates.

Ms. Chapman indicates CLECs "may obtain access to SBC Indiana's SS7 offerings through its access tariff offerings." (Chapman Direct, p. 24) Please provide a copy of SBC's tariffed offering for SS7 in Indiana including rates, terms and conditions. Please explain how the rates were determined.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Larry S. Landis, Commissioner

William G. Divine, Administrative Law Judge

10-18-05

Date